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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SOWETO STUDENT BOYCOTT

JULY 31 EDITION ZAIRE DAILY "ELIMA" CARRIED SIGNED EDITORIAL WHICH BEGAN, "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS FOLLOWING WITH MUCH SYMPATHY THE FIGHT BEING WAGED BY SOWETO STUDENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO PROTEST AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF WHICH THEY ARE VICTIMS IN THE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION IMPOSED UPON THEM BY THE AUTHORITIES IN PRETORIA." (LA COMMUNAUTE INTERNATIONALE SUIT AVEC BEAUCOUP DE SYMPATHIE LA LUTTE QUE MENENT LES ETUDIANTS DE SOWETO EN AFRIQUE AUSTRALE POUR VICTIMES DANS LE SYSTEME D'ENSEIGNEMENT LEUR IMPOSE PAR LES AUTORITES DE PRETORIA). "THESE SOWETO STUDENTS, WHOM THE WORLD ADMIRES FOR THEIR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION IN FIGHTING TO RECOVER THEIR RIGHTS, GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF WANTING, AT ANY COST, TO BRING TO AN END THE BULLYING AND INJUSTICES," STATES ARTICLE. (CES ETUDIANTS DE SOWETO DONT LE MONDE ADMIRE LE COURAGE ET LA DETERMINATION DANS LEUR LUTTE POUR RECOUVRE LEURS DROITS, DONNENT L'IMPRESSION DE

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VOULOIR COUTE QUE COUTE EN FINIR AVEC LES BRIMADES ET LES INJUSTICES). AFTER REVIEWING RECENT BOYCOTT EVENTS, ARTICLE CONTINUES, "THE THREAT IN PRETORIA RISKS BRINGING ABOUT A NEW ROUND OF MASSACRES OF BLACK STUDENTS IN SOWETO. THE WORLD SHOULD THUS EXPECT TO SEE NEW MASSACRES ON AFRICAN SOIL." (LE MENACE DE PRETORIA RISQUE DE DONNER LIEU A NOUVEAU MASSACRE D' ADOLESCENTS NOIRS DE SOWETO. LE MONDE EST AINSI AVEUSE POUR

PREVENIR UNE NOUVELLE HECATOMBE EN TERRE AFRICAINE.) EVENTS OF
1976 ILLUSTRATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE,
"THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES LACK SCRUPLES WHEN IT COMES TO
HAVING LITTLE BLACK CHILDREN SLAUGHTERED." (...LES AUTORITES
SUD-AFRICAINES MANQUENT DE SCRUPLES QUAND IL S'AGIT DE FAIRE
MASSACRE LES PETITS ENFANTS NOIRS.) "SINCE THE STRANGLEHOLD OF
AFRICAN LIBERATION HAS NOT STOPPED SQUEEZING THEM, THE RACISTS
IN THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT HAVE THEIR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL AND
ARE BECOMING MORE DANGEROUS. THEIR EYES BLOODSHOT, THEY ARE
CAPABLE OF ANYTHING. FROM THE MOMENT WHEN THEY APPEARED WITH
THEIR FILTHY POLICY OF APARTHEID, THEY HAD NOTHING MORE TO GAIN.
THEY ALSO UNLEASHED THEIR MOST DEPRAVED INSTINCTS. THEY NOW LIVE IN
AGONY, OBSESSED BY THEIR FUTURE DISGRACE, WHEN THEY WILL REALIZE
THE FUTILITY OF THEIR EFFORTS; WHEN THEY WILL FINALLY REALIZE
THAT THEY HAVE FOLLOWED A POLICY OF BURYING THEIR HEADS IN THE
SAND. THEY WILL PERCEIVE THAT THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM THE ANGER OF
THE CROWD," CONCLUDES ARTICLE. (DEPUIS QUE L'ETAU DE LA LIBERATION
AFRICAINS NE CESSE DE LES SERRER, LES RACISTES AU GOUVERNEMENT
A PRETORIA SONT AUX ABOIS ET DEVIENNENT PLUS DANGEREUX, LES
YEUX INJECTES DE SANG, ILS SONT CAPABLES DE TOUT. AU POINT OU
ILS SONT ARRIVES AVEC LEUR SALE POLITIQUE D'APARTHEID, ILS
N'ONT PLUS RIEN A GAGNER. AUSSI ONT-ILS LIBRE LEURS INSTINCTS
LES PLUS BAS. ILS VIVENT DANS L'ANGOISSE, DANS LA HANTISE DE
LEUR HONTE FUTURE, LORSQU'ILS SE RENDRONT COMPTE DE L'INUTILITE
DE LEURS EFFORTS; LORSQU'ILS S'APERCEVRONT ENFIN QU'ILS MENAIENT
UNE POLITIQUE D'AUTRICHE (SIC). ILS S'APERCEVRONT QUE LEUR SALUT
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